CLEMATIS PLANT NAMED 'VANSO'

LATIN NAME OF GENUS CLASSIFICATION

The botanical classification of the present invention relates to a new Clematis plant is Clematis hybrid.

5 VARIETY DENOMINATION

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The new plant has the varietal denomination 'VANSO'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new Clematis plant having the varietal denomination 'VANSO'. 'VANSO' was discovered as a natural branch mutation of the variety 'MRS. CHALMONDELEY', not known to be patented.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The new variety is a Clematis plant with a climbing habit distinguished by production of fully double flowers. Asexual reproduction of the new variety as performed by softwood cuttings in Boskoop, The Netherlands has confirmed that the distinguishing characteristics of the new variety are transmitted through succeeding generations and asexually reproduced plants of the new variety reproduce true-to-type.

20 COMPARISON WITH PARENT

The new variety differs from its parent, 'MRS. CHALMONDELEY', in producing flowers which are fully double; whereas flowers of the parent variety are single.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIONS

The accompanying illustrations depict plants of the new variety in color as true as possible in color photographic illustrations of this nature.

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FIG. 1 shows the plant of the new variety with a cluster of flowers; and

FIG. 2 shows a close up of the flower of the new variety.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following is a description of the new variety taken from 2-year-old plants grown out-of-doors in 5 liter containers in Boskoop, The Netherlands during the month of June. Color designations used herein are from THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY COLOUR CHART ("RHSC"). The age of the plants used for the description is 2 years and were grown in 5 litre containers.

PLANT

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The plant grows in a climbing habit and attains a height of slightly more than 2 M. with an average diameter of about 35 cm. and with vigorous growth.

15 FOLIAGE

Size: About 5 cm. to 8 cm. long, and up

to about 4.8 cm. wide; diameter

approximately 35 cm.

Quantity: About 6 leaves (3 pairs of

opposite leaves) per about 15 cm.

stem.

Leaf

Average length: About 15.3 cm.

Average width: About 9.3 cm.

25 Average length

of leaflets: About 5 to 8 cm; average about

6.2 cm.

Average width

of leaflets: About 2.7 to 4.8 cm; average

30 <u>about 3.2 cm</u>.

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Leaflet apex: Apiculate

Leaflet base: Attenuate to acuminate

Average petiole

length: About 7.5 cm.

5 Average petiole

width: About 2 mm.

Color

Immature foliage

Upper side: Between R.H.S.-CC 141A and 143A

10 Underside: Between R.H.S.-CC 146A and 146B

Mature foliage

Upper side: Near 137A

Under side: Between R.H.S.-CC 137B and 137C

Shape: Trifoliolate - leaflets are ovate

15 to narrow ovate

Texture

Upper side: Smooth

Under side: Smooth

Venation: Anastomosing

20 Edge: Smooth with no serration

observed.

Petiole color

Top surface: Near 166A

Under side: Between R.H.S.-CC 143A and 141B

25 Stipules: No stipples stipules observed

Auricles: No auricles observed

Rachis: Smooth

STEM

Average length: About 90 cm.

30 Average width: About 3 mm.

Texture: Smooth, slightly glossy

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Aspect: Ribbed lengthways with an average

of 6 ribs

Average internode

length: About 12.6 cm.

5 Color of young stem: Near R.H.S.-CC 143A to 143C to

144A

WOOD

Color: Color of new wood green to yellow

10 green - near R.H.S.-CC 143A and

143C to 144A; color of old wood

<u>greyed-orange - near R.H.S.-CC</u>

175A to 175B

Bark: Bark has short pale greyish hairs

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FLOWER: Not for use as a cut flower

Color: Clear blue double flowers

Shape of buds: Ovate

20 Average length of buds: About 2.4 cm.

Average width of buds: Abpit 1.4 cm.

Color of buds: Yellow-green, Nnear R.H.S.-CC

145A, with lighter axial stripes+

near R.H.S.-CC 145D.

25 Average number of

flowers and buds

per plant per season: 7

Flower shape: RoundRotate

Average flower

30 diameter: About 16.1 cm.

Average flower depth: About 6.7 cm.

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	Fragrance:	Very faint, sweet
	Tepals	
	Average number:	6 (occasionally 7 or 8)
	Average length:	About 8 cm.
5	Average width:	About 4.9 cm.
	Shape:	Obovate
	Apex:	Mucronulate
	Base:	Cuneate
	Margin:	Entire
10	Color of tepal	
	when young	
	Upper side:	Violet-blue; near R.H.SCC 92A,
		tip and central band near the tip
		near R.H.SCC 71B to 71C
15	Under side:	Violet-blue; near R.H.SCC 90D,
		with a broad central band near
		R.H.SCC 145C to 145D (with a
		slight touch of violet-blue)
	Color of tepal	
20	when mature	
	Upper side:	Violet-blue; near R.H.SCC 91B
		with a lighter center near
		R.H.SCC 91D and a small blotch
		near $R.H.SCC$ 71C to 71D at the
25		tip
	Under side:	Violet-blue; near R.H.SCC 91C;
		margins darker; near R.H.SCC
		91B and a broad central band near
		R.H.SCC 145C to 145D
30	<u>Tepaloids</u> Petaloids:	The flowers have no sepals,
		only petaloids

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	Average number:	About 325
	Average length:	About 4.2 cm.
	Average width:	
	Outer	
5	(wider):	About 1.8 cm.
	Inner	
	(Narrower):	About 4.5 mm.
	Shape	
	Outer:	Obovate
10	Inner:	Linear
	Apex	
	Outer:	Rounded to praemorse
	Inner:	Acute
	Base:	Cuneate
15	Margin:	Entire
	Color when young	
	Upper side:	Outer <u>tepaloids</u> violet-
		blue near R.H.SCC 92A; tip
		violet near R.H.SCC 86B; inner
20		tepaloidspetaloids violet near
		R.H.SCC 86B to 86C
	Under side:	Outer <u>tepaloids</u> violet-
		blue near $R.H.SCC$ 90D, with a
		broad central band near $R.H.SCC$
25		145C to 145D; inner
		tepaloidspetāloids violet-blue
		near R.H.SCC 91D
	Color when mature	
30		Outer tepaloids petaloids violet-
	- -	blue near R.H.SCC 91A with a

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lighter center near R.H.S.-CC 91B to 91C; inner tepaloidspetaloids violet-blue near R.H.S.-CC 92A

Under side:

Outer tepaloidspetaloids violetblue near R.H.S.-CC 91C to 91D, margins darker near R.H.S.-CC 91B and a central blotch near R.H.S.-CC 145D; inner tepaloidspetaloids

violet-blue near 91D

10 Average flower

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lastingness of

individual flower: 20 days

Time to produce

a flowering plant:

12 months

15 Natural flowering

season: June to September in Boskoop,

The Netherlands

Flowers completely double; all reproductive organs transformed into <u>tepaloidspetaloid</u>. No pollen <u>areis</u> formed, <u>no anthers, no stigmas, or pistils are present, no <u>fruits or seeds</u> is are produced.</u>

WINTER HARDINESS: Winter hardy in USDA Zone 5

RESISTANCE TO DISEASE: No more susceptible to disease

than its parent variety or other

similar varieties.

30 BREEDING: Asexual reproduction was started

from softwood cuttings during the

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summer months in tunnels. Natural mutation was observed when one branch of the parent variety flowered with double flowers. This mutation branch was then propagated by softwood cuttings.

STAMENS, FILAMENTS & ANTHERS

10 Arrangement:

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Flowers are completely double, so no stamens, styles, etc. are visibly present. No seed formation observed.

I CLAIM:

A new Clematis plant of the variety substantially as shown and described.

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ABSTRACT

Described as a new variety of Clematis which produces fully doubled flowers of attractive coloration.